

WASHINGTON. (From our regular correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19, 1897.

Mr Harrison has succeeded by persuasion, bull-dozing and promise of patronage in getting the republican senators to make a last desperate effort to perpetuate the power of the republican party by passing the Force bill, and the fight is now on, which is to result either in striking a deadly blow at the liberty of the American citizen, by the passage of a measure without a parallel in American annals, or in the final defeat of the bill.

Finding it impossible to unite the republican senators in support of the revolutionary gag rule proposed by Senator Aldrich the republicans have adopted the tiring out process, and hope by a continuous night and day session of the senate to succeed in compelling the democrats to accede to a vote on the bill. This, it is not believed, they can do. The session which began last Friday morning has been in continuous session ever since, except on Sunday, and is to continue until the republicans tire of it or succeed. The democrats are making a grand fight in talking against time and express confidence of being able to win.

How the democratic senators feel in this matter may be judged from the following extract from a speech of Senator Reagan, which reflects the sentiments of his democratic colleagues, and shows that they will never willingly surrender: "As dear as my life is to me, as God is my judge, if I could save the American people from the pending measure by giving up my life, I would surrender it as freely as I ever performed any act of my life." It was an imposing sight to see Senator Reagan as he stood, every feature showing his earnestness and sincerity, and spoke these words, and it was not surprising that they were greeted by an outburst of deafening applause from the galleries, which Mr Morton was quick to reprove by threatening to have the galleries cleared.

Senator Stewart on Saturday gave notice of a motion to recommit the election bill with instructions to the committee to report it back with a provision for the election of members of congress on days when no other elections are held in the several states; and this motion may be made the excuse for getting rid of the bill quietly when the republicans discover their inability to pass it, for if it is re-committed to the committee it will never get before the senate again.

Notwithstanding their having made speeches against the Force bill Senators Teller, Wolcott, and Stewart are now acting and voting with their republican colleagues in their efforts to pass the bill. This is significant, in as much as it shows that the democrats need expect no help from republicans in defeating the bill.

Mr Harrison's henchmen are now trying to prevent the passage of Senator Vest's free coinage bill, which was adopted last week by the senate as a substitute for that hodge-podge of absurdities known as the republican caucus financial bill, by the House by talking veto. The bill, which is now before the House committee on coinage, is in far more danger from Speaker Reed's opposition than it is from a presidential veto. Reed has the audacity and the nerve to resort to any methods to defeat it, and if he doesn't attempt to do so, it will only be because he prefers seeing Mr Harrison, whom he dislikes very much, weaken and sign it, as I believe he will, if it passes the House. Mr Harrison has made threats before, but his spinal column has always wiled when the time came to carry them out.

Another erstwhile republican is in the toils of the law. W P Canada; who for many years, because of his ability to control the North Carolina delegation to republican national conventions, held the position of Sergeant-at-Arms of the United States Senate, has been arrested for obtaining money under false pretenses. And ye gods, how cheap he sold his character. The amount he obtained on a worthless check was just \$35.

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